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Re: Applicant : Douglas T. DIETERICH
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Filed : May 21, 2001
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Treatment of Hepatitis C using Erythropoietin Alpha
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Further to our telephonic interview, attached is a fax copy of the Amendment After Final with a Petition for an Extension of Time and a Request for an Interview ("Amendment"). The original Amendment with check no. 030426 in the amount of US\$ 55.00 to cover the one-month extension fee are being sent to you via Express Mail # EV286858054US today.

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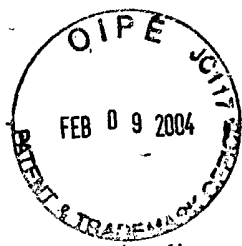
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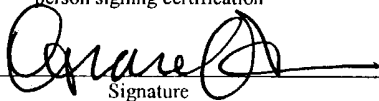
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003 setting a
three-month term for reply. The Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time